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Applicant: Rex Miller et al.
Group Art Unit: 3677
Examiner: Flemming Saether
Title: FASTENER FOR SPANNING A LARGE GAP
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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 27, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Final Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time, which is now due May 27, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.